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Attached is a 19-page report which deals with the following in or near Pleven: 25X1

- a. State Security and Militia in Plovdiv;
- b. Local government;

d. Factories and power installations;

e. Military Barracks;

f. Airfields;

g. Radio or jamming station north of Zgalevo to (N 43-22, E 24-49);

h. Railroads and roads in the Pleven area;

i. A legend to a sketch of installations in Pleven;

j. A sketch of Pleven and installations in Pleven; and

k. A sketch of the radio or jamming station north of Zgalevo to.

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ATTACHMENT NO. [REDACTED]

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Subject: Installations and Personnel Report No:
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State Security and Militia

1. MANASIEV (fma) has been head of the State Security organization in Plevna for the past two or three years. [REDACTED]

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2. Every large city in Bulgaria has "Spartak" football clubs, which are the official clubs of the Ministry of the Interior. All players are members of this organization, so it is easy to identify the Militia personnel by checking the sports pages of the newspapers.
3. The State Security has both okrug and okoliya headquarters in Plevna. The okoliya offices are in the center of the city on Red Square and on the third floor of the former finance office building across from the mausoleum. This latter building is 3-stories high in addition to a basement, approximately 15 by 30 meters in size, and has a clock tower above it; the first and second floors are occupied by the Plevna Okoliya People's Council. Informant did not know the location of the okrug State Security organization in Plevna.
4. A Militia building is located across from the city park in Plevna, on the street corner across from the Army building.
5. The central buildings and stations of the Militia in Plevna as known by informant are shown in the sketch in Appendix A, pages 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18. The legend to Appendix A is on pages 12 and 13.

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Government

6. The okrug people's council of Pleven is located on the street leading to the railroad station, 250 meters from the city theater. The building, which formerly served as a post office, is two stories high and of "medium" size.
7. The okoliya people's council of Pleven occupies the first and second floors of the 3-story building across from the mausoleum mentioned in paragraph 3 above as also having the okoliya offices of the State Security.
8. The city people's council of Pleven is located in the city center on Liberty Square facing Ivan Vazov Street across from the newly-constructed Soviet Army monument. The building is at the intersection of the square and Ivan Vazov Street. It is "large" and two stories high.

9. [redacted] following as government officials:

- a. Borislav DESHEV, chief of the city people's council of Pleven for the past year; [redacted]

- b. Vesa RANBOM, chief of the cultural section of the Pleven Okrug People's Council; [redacted]

- a. Sava DYULBOM, first secretary of the Pleven Okoliya Committee of the Communist Party and a national deputy; [redacted]

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- b. Georgi LAMBREV, cadre chief of a show cooperative in Plevna; [redacted]
- c. LAMBREV (fnn), one of the chiefs of the Party organisation in the 7th quarter of Plevna; [redacted]
- d. SHOPOV (fnn), one of the chiefs of the Party organisation in the 7th quarter of Plevna; [redacted]
- e. Georgi DIMOV, director of the 1st co-educational lyceum for the past four years; [redacted]
- f. Liana IVANOVA, some kind of political director of the 1st co-educational lyceum in Plevna [redacted]

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Communications

13. In 1954, construction was begun on a radio station approximately two and one-half kilometers north of Igal'ovets village (M 43-22, E 24-49), Pleven Okoliya, which is 16 or 18 kilometers east of Pleven. It is in a level meadow 350 meters north of the Pleven-Stalin rail line and the installations are visible from the train. While passing by train at the end of May 1955, informant saw two antennas 200-300 meters high and four antennas placed in a square and approximately 50 meters high. This installation is depicted in the sketch in Appendix B, page 19.

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14. [redacted] this station will have the largest transmitter in Bulgaria and will be used to disturb the radio broadcasts of the Western countries.

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15. Construction is directed by engineers and technicians from East Germany and is not yet completed. The Germans stay at the Balkan Tourist Hotel in Plovdiv and are taken to the work site by special bus every morning.

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Factories

17. [redacted] the following factories in Plovdiv:

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- a. The Asen Khalachev Textile Factory, which produces woolen and cotton materials, a new installation located on the north side of Plovdiv on a road 300 meters long divided from the road to Vurbitsa village; three stories high, 40 meters wide, 100 meters long;
- b. The Vasil Kolarov Rubber Factory, which produces rubber slippers, shoes, boots, etc., located approximately 400 meters southeast of the Asen Khalachev Textile Factory; the factory buildings are 1-story high, but informant could not further describe them;
- c. The 1 May Brick Factory, which produces bricks and tiles for drainage ditches, located on the north side of Plovdiv on the highway leading to Orvitsa village;
- d. The Georgi Kirilov Canned Goods Factory, which produces all types of fruit and vegetable preserves; the main factory building, 1-story high, in the form of a hollow square with a courtyard in the middle, is located approximately 400 meters northeast of the Plovdiv railroad station in a large area—half of the building is an icehouse and the other half is the canning shop; a section of the factory, also producing all types of fruit and vegetable preserves and equipped with its own separate icehouse, is located approximately 400 meters east of the main factory beside the rail line;

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- e. The Svedeba Canned Fruits Factory, a member of the ekoliya co-operative organization, which produces every kind of canned fruit, located on the west side of Pleven near the Cattle Market square;
- f. The Vaptsarev State Machine Factory, which produces machine parts, caged machines, and some motors, located on the west side of Pleven on the road to Sofia; the building is L-shaped and consists of two buildings—one 3-stories high, 40 meters long, and 20 meters wide, and the other 1-story high, 50 meters long, and 20 meters wide; and
- g. The Svedeba Sunflower Oil Factory, an old installation which produces sunflower oil, located approximately 400 meters west of the Vaptsarev Machine Factory.

Power

- 18. The diesel power plant which previously supplied power to Pleven was moved to the Dobrudzha two years ago and Pleven now has no power plant of its own.
- 19. Electric power for the city is supplied from the high tension line passing by Pleven as part of the general electrification high tension ring of Bulgaria. Informant does not know the location of Pleven's transformer center.
- 20. The offices of "Energo Obodnenie" (Power Administration) are located in the building formerly occupied by the diesel power plant.

Military Information

- 21. [redacted] the location of military barracks at three places in Pleven. [redacted] as infantry, artillery, and truck barracks, [redacted] could not [redacted] guns with short barrels and long thin barrels at the [redacted] artillery barracks, [redacted] stables with many horses at the infantry unit barracks. There are large garages at the truck barracks location. [redacted] three Katyusha (rocket launchers) had been seen at the garages.

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22. The Army units in Plovdiv go to summer camp near Orshak village (N 42-53, E 24-47), Troyan Okoliya, for summer training.

Airfields

23. There are three airfields in Plovdiv Okrug, as follows:

a. The Dolna Mitropoliya Airfield, located south of Dolna Mitropoliya village (N 43-27, E 24-32), Plovdiv Okoliya, south of the road leading to Plovdiv and west of the railroad branching from Yasen station and going to Semovit and Cherkovitsa on the Danube; the village has a special rail line; the Sergyev Kirov Livestock Forage Factory, a large installation, is located north of the airfield on the opposite side of the road to Plovdiv; [redacted] Dolna Mitropoliya village in 1954 [redacted] the field has a grass runway;

[redacted] single-engine fighter planes [redacted] students of the Air Force Academy are trained here;

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b. The Telish Airfield, located north or northeast of Telish village (N 43-19, E 24-16), Plovdiv Okoliya. before Telish village when going to Sofia from Plovdiv by train; [redacted] passed this field by train on [redacted] to Turkey, [redacted] 10-12 single-engine planes at the field, blue in color; there is only a grass runway at the field;

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c. The Kamenets Airfield, located between Kamenets village (N 43-20, E 25-00) and Letnitsa village (N 43-18, E 25-04), Plovdiv Okoliya, and still under construction; [redacted] this field is to be used for jet planes and so will have a concrete runway three kilometers long; [redacted]

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Transportation - Railroads

24. Plovdiv is on the Sofia-Stalin and Sofia-Ruse rail lines. Three trains per day reach Plovdiv from both Sofia and Stalin and two per day from Sofia and Ruse, making a total of 10 trains going through the city. Both rail lines are in good condition.



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25. [redacted] the following bridges on the Sofia-Plaven rail line:

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a. Over the Vit River between Lev railroad station (N 43-42, E 24-29) and Yasen railroad station (N 43-25, E 24-31), a single-track bridge of steel construction approximately 100 meters long; the bridge is so long because the banks of the river are low and the outlying area is swampy; three or four soldiers of the Internal Army guard the bridge at all times; and

b. Many other bridges, especially over the Tabor River and particularly between Mezdra and Sofia, [redacted]

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26. There are tunnels at many places between Plaven and Sofia, especially between Mezdra and Sofia, [redacted]

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[redacted] These are guarded by Internal Army units as are the bridges.

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Transportation - Roads

27. The following roads lead out from Plaven:

a. To Sofia, extending from the west side of the city;

b. To Sigov (N 43-42, E 24-29), via Dolna Mitropoliya village;

c. To Lovech (30-35 kilometers) and Troyan, extending from the south side of the city;

d. To Vurbitsa (N 43-28, E 24-42) and Vuchitsa (N 43-31, E 24-48); this road extends from the north side of the city; the distance to Vurbitsa is six kilometers;

e. To Orvitsa (N 43-25, E 24-42), Ryala, and Ruse, extending from the east side of the city; the distance from Plaven to Orvitsa is seven kilometers; and

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f. To Nibopol, separating from the Plovna-Ruse road in Grivitsa village.

28. These roads are all approximately seven or eight meters wide, with a base of large stones 10 meters deep and surfaced with rolled gravel. They are not in good condition and have many holes. The Plovna-Sofia and Plovna-Ruse roads are the most used of these roads, as are often repaired by the road management system. These roads are open for traffic the whole year. Traffic consists of both freight and passenger vehicles, but freight is more predominant.

29. The following bus lines use these roads:

- a. To Lovech, to Lovech-Troyan, to Sigun, and to Nibopol, following the major roads listed above; and
- b. To Svichtov, to Oryahovitsa, to Slavevitsa (N 43-37, E 24-26), and to Beglenk (N 43-15, E 24-29), following secondary roads which separate from the major roads listed above.

30. Some factories are located along these roads, as indicated in the sketch attached as Appendix A.

31. of the following road bridges on these routes:

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- a. A stone bridge approximately 15 meters long and 10 meters wide over the Kayalushka stream west of Plovna on the road to Sofia; it can carry "the heaviest" vehicles; there is always water under this bridge and the stream is not fordable;
- b. A stone bridge, 3- or 4-arched, 50-60 meters long and five or six meters wide, over the Vit River 10 kilometers from Plovna on the road to Sofia; it can carry "the heaviest" vehicles; there is always water under this bridge and the stream is not fordable;



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- c. An arched stone bridge approximately 60 meters long and seven or eight meters wide, 15 meters high, over the Viti River eight kilometers from Flevon on the road to Oigou; this bridge is very strong and can carry "the heaviest" vehicles; there is always water under this bridge and the stream is not fordable; and
- d. A stone bridge approximately 10 meters long and seven or eight meters wide, over the Kyalimshin stream southeast of Flevon on the road to Lovesh; this bridge can carry "the heaviest" vehicles; there is always water under the bridge and the stream is not fordable.

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LEGEND TO APPENDIX:

1. The Georgi Dimitroff Central Sewing Factory.
2. Militia headquarters where prisoners are first brought.
3. The Flouva central railroad station.
4. Georgi Kirov section of the State Sewing Factory.
5. The Leon Kralachov Textile Factory.
6. The Vasil Balarev Indian Rubber Factory.
7. The 1 May Commerce Factory.
8. Barracks.
9. Station park.
10. Cigarette factory.
11. The Svetoslav Guedel Fruits Factory.
12. Textiles and carpet metal warehouses.
13. High school.
14. Militia headquarters.
15. Hotel Moscow.
16. City theater.
17. Military museum.
18. Militia.
19. Commercial school.
20. Girls lyceum.
21. Teachers' institute.
22. House of Sava DILASHOV, first secretary of the Flouva Guevara Committee of the Communist Party.
23. Militia guard post in front of DILASHOV's house.
24. Fire station.
25. Tennis and basketball courts.
26. The first and second lyceums.
27. Carpentry school.
28. Blocks of houses.
29. Post office.
30. Flouva Guevara People's Council. State Security offices are on the third floor of this building.
31. Park.
32. Offices of the Lawyers and Courts Union.
33. Flouva City People's Council.
34. Soviet Army Monument and park.
35. Recruiting section.

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36. An Army club. There is always a soldier on guard in front of this building.
37. Moscow Cinema.
38. Balkanturist Restaurant.
39. Balkanturist Restaurant.
40. Basketball court.
41. First polyclinic.
42. Smirnovski Cinema.
43. Georgi Dimitrov Lecture Hall, Reading Room, and Cinema.
44. City park.
45. Monument for those who died in battle.
46. Public bath.
47. Army club.
48. Center for Pioneers.
49. Infantry barracks.
50. Militia.
51. Plovdiv Obshchinska Committee of the Communist Party.
52. Militia.
53. Wine and Vineyards Administration.
54. Teachers' Institute.
55. Artillery barracks.
56. Headquarters of the Internal Army units.
57. Jail.
58. Sveta Troitsa Orthodox Church.
59. Protestant church.
60. Sveti Nikolay Orthodox Church.
61. Sveta Parashkova Orthodox Church.
62. Mosque.
63. Hotel.

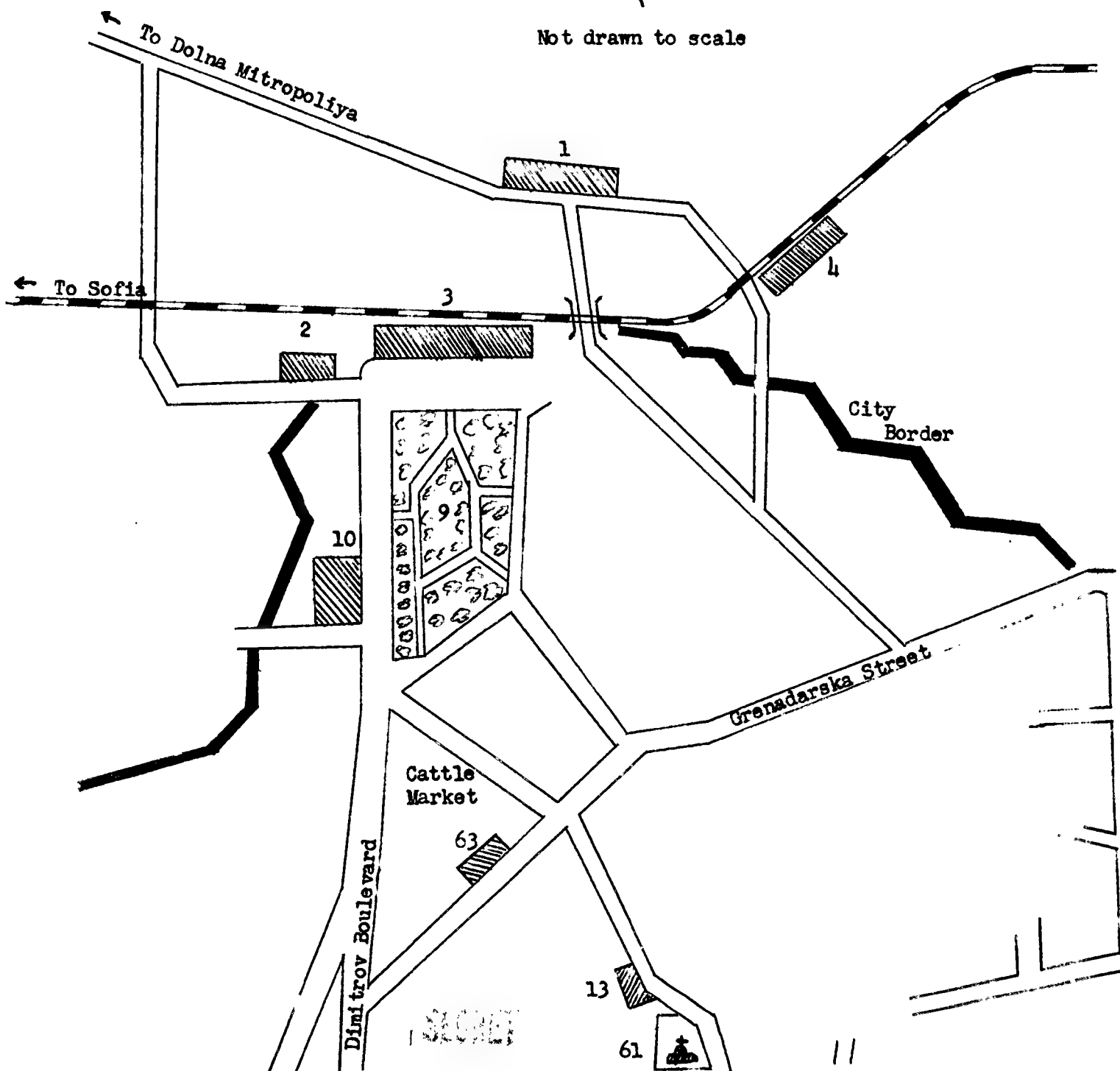
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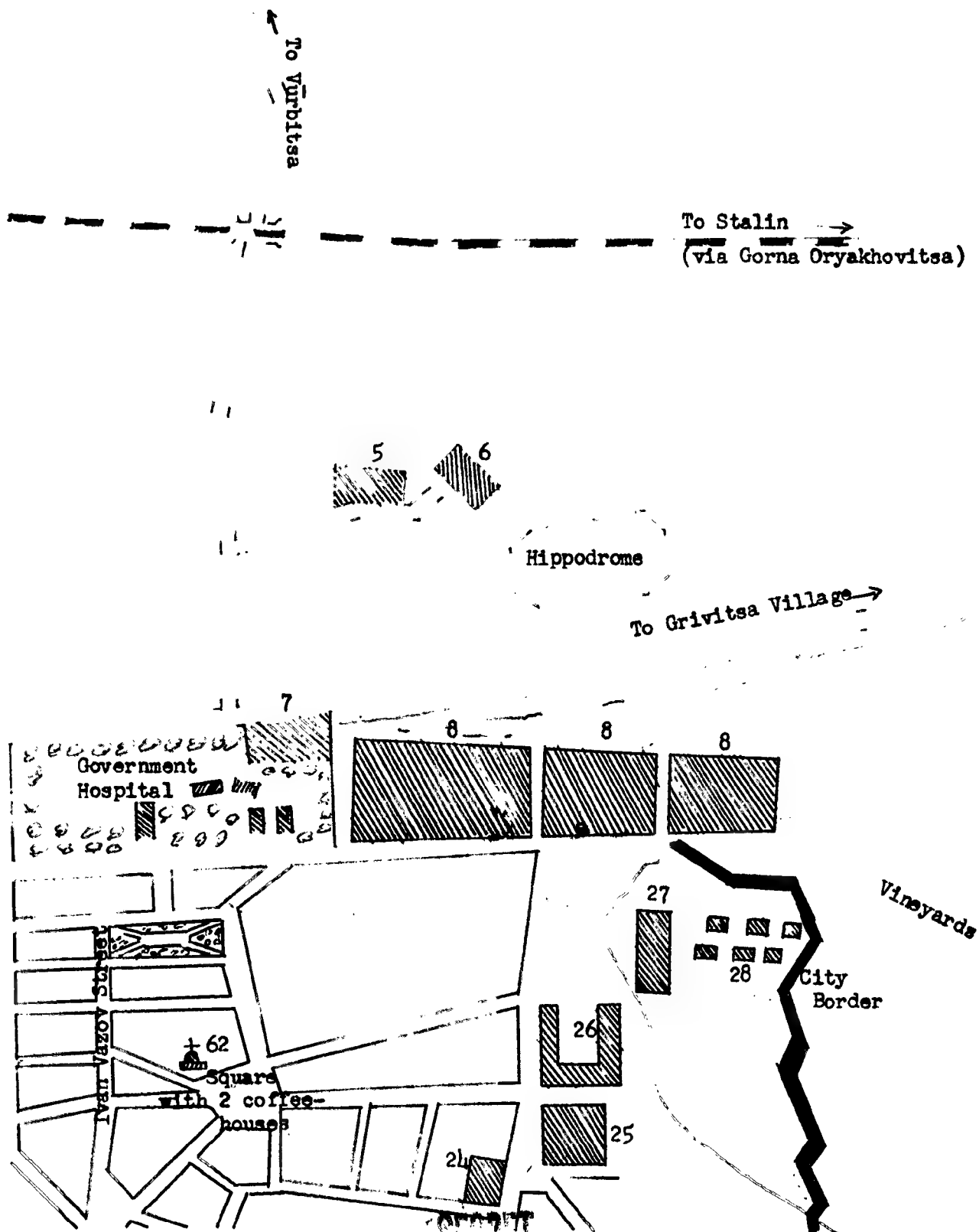


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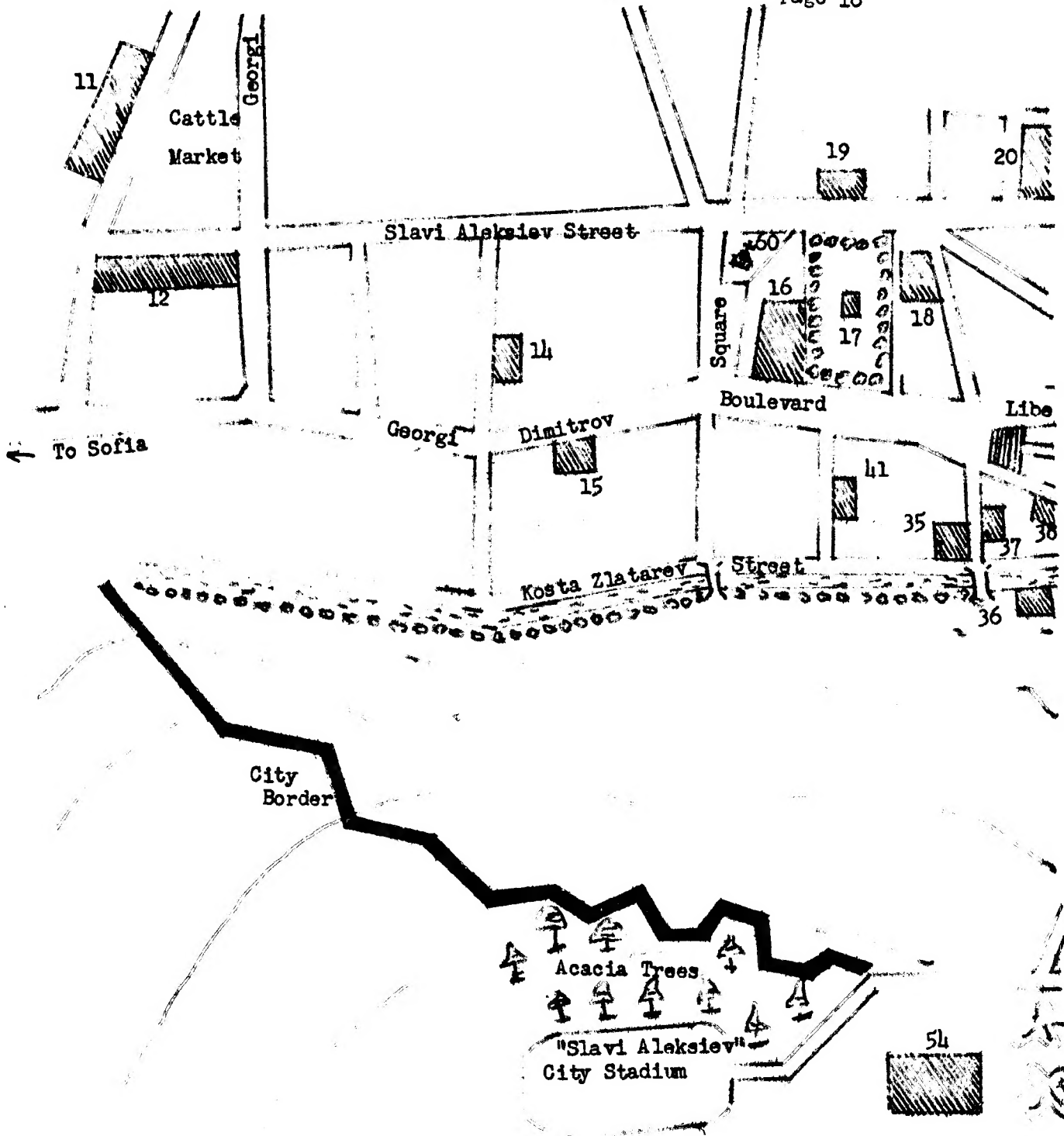
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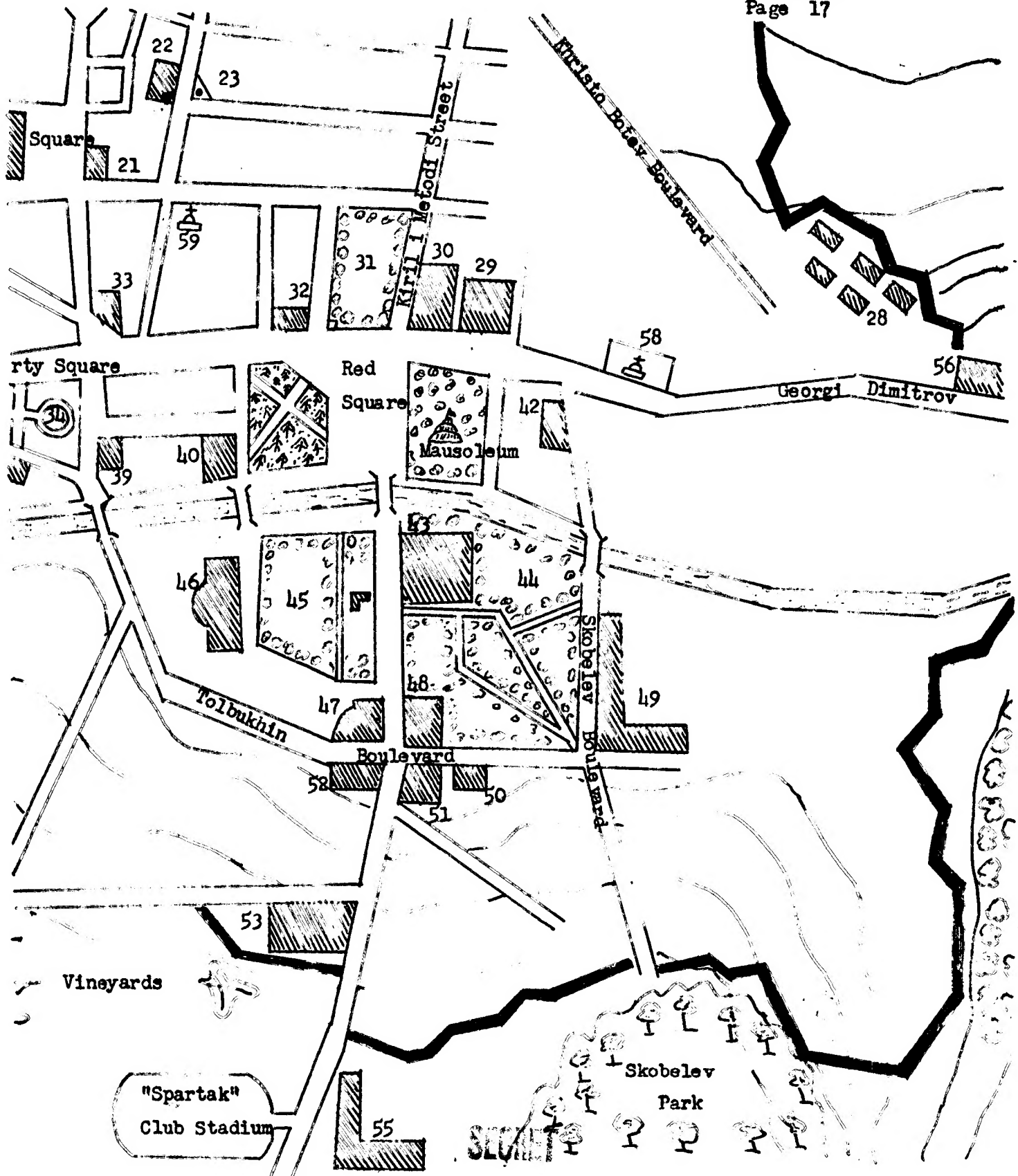
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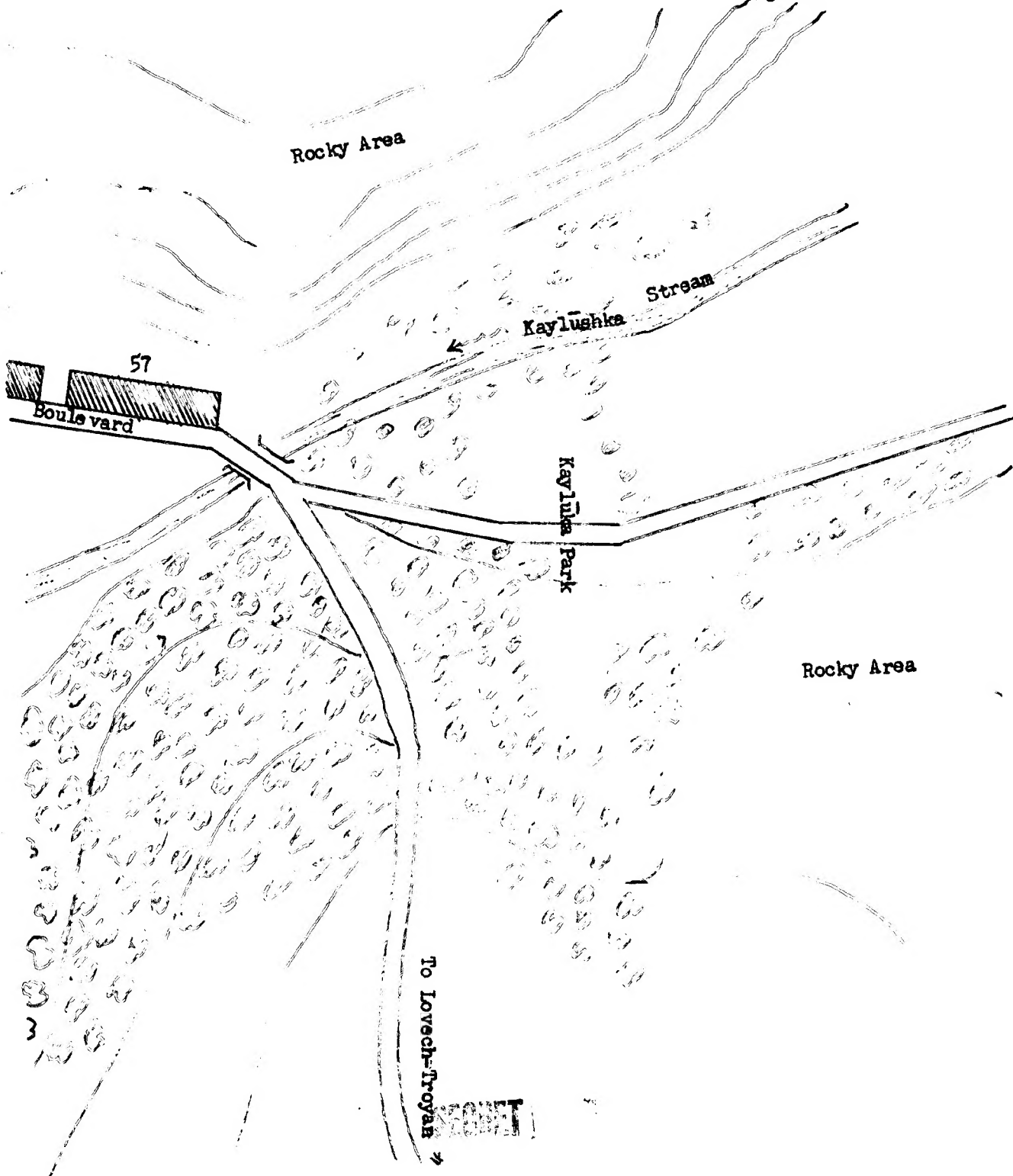
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New Radio Station Under Construction
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